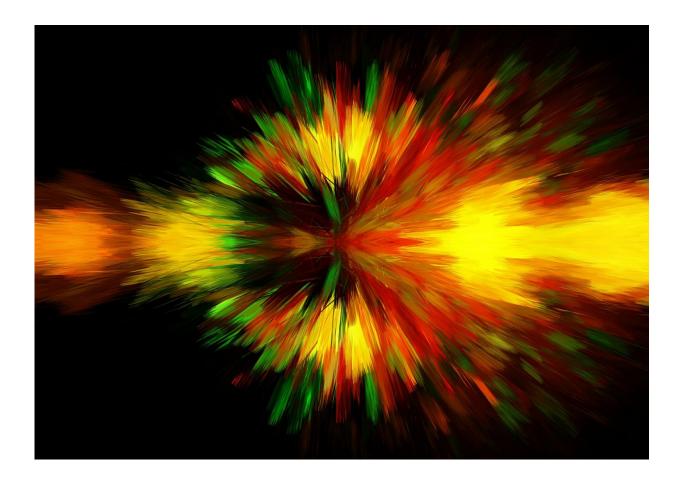
Best of Last Week: Harnessing entire spectrum of light, a milestone for universal memory, and a new take on Keto diet

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It was a good week for physics as a team from the University of

Waterloo found that <u>wave echoes from a black hole may confirm</u> <u>Stephen Hawking's hypothesis of quantum black holes</u>. They believe they detected signs of the quantum "fuzz" that surrounds newly formed black holes. Also, a team of researchers at The Ohio State University found <u>a way to harness the entire spectrum of sunlight</u> using a single molecule that can absorb sunlight efficiently and also act as a catalyst to convert solar energy into hydrogen. And a combined team from the University of the Witwatersrand and Huazhang University of Science and Technology introduced <u>a new twist on quantum fiber</u> <u>communications</u>—they demonstrated multiple quantum patterns of twisted light transmitted across a conventional fiber link.

In technology news, a team of physicists at Lancaster University announced that <u>'universal memory' research has passed a new milestone</u> —they showed a way to connect memory cells together to create RAM with the speed of DRAM. Also, an international team of researchers <u>created organic-metal oxide transistors with high operational stability</u>, making them more cost-effective. And a team at MIT announced that they had devised a strategy for creating gradient Li-rich oxide cathode <u>particles for batteries with minimum oxygen release</u>. Also, a team at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology announced that they had built <u>a robot that carries out human tasks faster than other</u> <u>robots</u>. Called M-Hubo, the wheeled humanoid robot was designed to assist humans in mundane tasks.

In other news, a team at the California Institute of Technology announced that they had built <u>a camera that was able to take pictures of</u> <u>transparent objects at 1 trillion frames per second</u>—such as shockwaves and potentially neuronal signals. And two teams working independently made headlines when they suggested that <u>the coronavirus that emerged</u> <u>in China may have originated in snakes or bats</u>.

And finally, if you are one of the thousands who have tried the Keto

diet, you may want to check out work done by a team at Yale University—they found that <u>the diet works best in small doses</u>.

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